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Sent: 5/18/2022 6:52:14 PM
To: Libertz, Catherine [Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov]; Tambini, Steve [DRBC] [Steve.Tambini@drbc.gov]
Subject: RE: DRN Petition

Will coordinate internally with Cathy and her team. Thank you – Javier

From: Libertz, Catherine <Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:26 AM
To: Tambini, Steve [DRBC] <Steve.Tambini@drbc.gov>
Cc: Laureano, Javier <laureano.javier@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: DRN Petition

Thanks, Steve.

Will ask our folks to shoot for the following week (13th) for our meeting.

From: Tambini, Steve [DRBC] <Steve.Tambini@drbc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:12 AM
To: Libertz, Catherine <Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov>
Cc: Laureano, Javier <laureano.javier@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: DRN Petition

Cathy

Thank you.

As far as Greg's input today at the WQAC , I think that is spot on. Word is "getting out" and I just think he should acknowledge that it was received to the committee members. I am sure there will be questions, but I agree that he should only state what it is and that is under review. In fact, that was our request.

We have a Commission Business meeting and caucus the week of June 6th, so that is not a good week to schedule a meeting. The topic will undoubtedly come up at our Caucus meeting on June 7th. I will report that we are working on a meeting to review further.

Steve

From: Libertz, Catherine <Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov>
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To: Tambini, Steve [DRBC] <Steve.Tambini@drbc.gov>
Cc: Laureano, Javier <laureano.javier@epa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: DRN Petition

Hi, Steve. Looks like you sent this only to me. I am including Region 2 since we are both in receipt of the petition.

It looks like it was a few days before we engaged on the incoming petition. Can't speak for Javier, but I hadn't had a chance to read and discuss with my staff by the time you sent the message saying you were in receipt of it. In the future, I will ask my folks and/or Region 2's folks to send ASAP upon receipt. As you might imagine, we get significant incoming

correspondence from many groups for all 6 of our states (in R3) every day. We have lots of petitions, notices of intent to sue, etc. etc. for a multitude of issues. Sorry this one slipped through the cracks for a few days.

As far as the response to the Riverkeeper, which said exactly what I told you it was going to say which was 'we are in receipt and are reviewing', it was signed on Friday internally and sent to DRBC the same day it was sent to the Riverkeeper (yesterday). I think this is more par for the course, immediate notification, than the anomaly mentioned above.

I understand that Greg was asked just today to speak today on the petition at today's meeting. All we will be able to say is that we are in receipt and are reviewing. If you would like us to speak at future meetings, please let us know in advance so that we can prepare.

As far as scheduling a meeting, as mentioned in my response to your initial email, there is a LOT of internal EPA coordination between Divisions, the two Regions and HQ (including technical and legal) that needs to be worked through. We had our first discussion with Region 2 last week. We will work with Region 2 to find some common dates for us to sit down and discuss. It will not be before the week of June 6th. We will be reaching out shortly to coordinate dates.

Cathy

From: Tambini, Steve [DRBC] <Steve.Tambini@drbc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:58 AM
To: Libertz, Catherine <Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: DRN Petition

Cathy,

We would very much appreciate it if EPA could provide copies of public information on this matter as soon possible. I know you and your team are busy on many issues; however, there was a several-day lag from when EPA received the petition from DRN (and others) before we were informed. I believe in that case it may have been a reporter who told us about it. Considering it went to EPA HQ, perhaps R3 did not receive it immediately either. Greg V did recently let our staff know about your acknowledgment letter a few days after it was dated; however, it would have been helpful to have that more in real time when the petitioners received it. We routinely provide all information to the DRBC Commissioners, and therefore the co-regulators states as well, as soon as we can after we receive it; however, they may have agency staff interested in getting this information directly as well.

Again, it would be helpful to meet and discuss the petition at some point. In the meantime, if you need anything from DRBC, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.

Steve

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From: Libertz, Catherine <Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: DRN

Hi, Steve.

Yes, we (Regions 2 and 3) met with DRN and other environmental groups late last week and I was on the call. Both Regional Administrators Ortiz and Garcia are meeting regularly with a variety of stakeholders to get to know them and build relationships. DRN and the other groups did raise their ongoing concerns with the current designated use for aquatic life and supporting DO criteria for the urban zones of the Delaware Estuary. Greg Voigt will reach out to John Yagecic to discuss the details further, though there was nothing raised that I think would come as any surprise.

Thanks,
Cathy

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From: Tambini, Steve [DRBC] <Steve.Tambini@drbc.gov>
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To: Libertz, Catherine <Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov>
Subject: DRN

Cathy,

I hope you and your team are well.

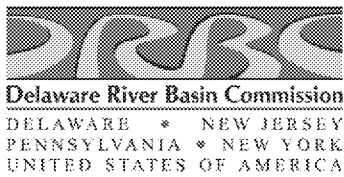
I read on Twitter that Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) had a meeting with EPA Region 2 and 3 last week. I am not sure if you were there. Either way, it would be good to catch up either one on one or as a group. I suspect some of DRN's topic's involved DRBC and It would be helpful if we could get a briefing and discuss any issues raised.

Let me know if you can talk at some point in the near future.

Steve

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